

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of December 12, 2007. With this response, claims 1-40 are canceled and new claims 41-77 are added. Consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings and specifically identified the phrase "cylindrical shank" and "support members". With this response, the claims have been amended and it is believed that the objection may be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, a number of claim were objected to. With the new claim set, the objected language has been removed and it is believed that the objection may be withdrawn.

Starting at Paragraph 11 of the Office Action, the claims were rejected based on Tudor (US 6,808,477) either alone or in combination with Levine (US 4,482,150) and further in view of Brigham (US 7,063,648) or Craag (US 6,384,028) or Nelson (US 6,152,863) or Crook (GB 2,307,418) or D'Alto (US 5,437,590) or Chen (US 2004/0009852).

With the new claims, the present invention includes, "means for retaining the detached members within the body." None of the prior art dummies noted in the Office Action are designed to receive and store members which are detached from the main body. Further, Applicant submits that this is not obvious from the cited prior art.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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